

PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR FERGUSON, VETOING AND DIS-  
APPROVING SENATE BILL NUMBER 384.

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TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE:

This is to advise that I have this the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1917, officially disapproved and vetoed Senate Bill Number 384, same being an act by the Thirty-fifth Legislature to amend Article 4859, and having for its purpose to extend the area and jurisdiction of local insurance associations, so as to include two or more counties within a radius of not more than fifty miles surrounding the town in which the principal office of said insurance association is established, my objections being:

My understanding is that these local insurance associations are not required to have any capital, and they are not under the supervision of the state authorities any further than to file reports. In my opinion it would be dangerous to allow this character of insurance company to operate in such wide territory. There would be no protection to the public nor any guarantee of solvency, and it would open a field for the unscrupulous insurance promoter to operate without restraint. The law in its present form gives ample privilege to limited localities who want to incorporate mutual relief or benefit associations. For these reasons, I, therefore, disapprove and veto Senate Bill Number 384.

*Geo. E. Ferguson*

Governor of Texas.